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Sir:

This paper is timely filed in response to the final Office Action dated May 21, 2008, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

- I. **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2;
- II. The **Remarks** begin on page 32; and
- III. The **Conclusion** begins on page 36.